



OREGON CASE MANAGEMENT NETWORK

MINUTES

February 10th – February 12th, 2026

Lane County Parole and Probation

2699 Roosevelt Blvd, Eugene, OR 97402

Mental Health Supervision Network

February 10th, 1:00pm– 5:00pm

Attendees: Erin Larson, Darin Larson, Debbi Wray, Wyatt Edwards, Tali Strom, Christina Stephens, Dean Alft, Larry Evenson, Aaron Rauschert, Tami Nims, Amanda Dennis, Ken Yee, Heather Senquiz, Stephanie Miller, Emily Hazlett, Dan Smith, Bett Spencer, Julie Francom, Michael Albers, Rachel Willingham, Lexi Meyer, Paula Fata, Brittany Marshall

Aid & Assist HB 2005 Presentation - Meredith LaMarche

Washington County's Aid and Assist

- Working the last 20 years, starting with a pilot project
- Background: Client is found unfit if they're unable to aid and assist in their own defense. When this happens, a request is made for a community mental health evaluation. There is also a forensic evaluation completed a few months after the motion is filed in court.
 - Population has grown so much that the forensic eval is backlogged for a couple months.
 - After an evaluation is complete, a recommendation is made to determine if the person unfit is put on .370 to hospital or .370 for community restoration.
 - The level of crime determines time spent at State Hospital. While at the hospital they continue to have hearings to determine fitness.
 - If an evaluator finds them never able, there's an opportunity to go back before the court and dismiss the case.
 - The evaluator may say they would be fine with lower level of care. We don't always agree with the decision, but there's consideration for public safety and stable housing. Step down location in Junction City, but that's for the whole state.
- Washington county has started utilizing other services/resources for housing. Community restoration used to have no timeline attached to it because they weren't in custody. This changed with new house bill.

- Sept 29, 2025: Now follows same timeframe for people in OSH. Extensions can be made, but it must be done within 5 days of person timing out. While in community restoration, they continue to have evals scheduled by OSH. They have to participate in legal skills, if they need that. If not needing legal skills, they evaluate their ability to follow rules, remain sober, and not commit new crimes.
- This rule only applies to clients ordered on September 29th, 2025 and after. It's important to know when they are pre or post house bill because the timing requirements will be different.
- Questions and Answers
 - Does the bill change how often the client reports to court? Yes, they're supposed to be at every hearing. If they don't show up, WA County judge will be lenient at first, but can request a warrant.
 - How to get OSH records, aid and assist records, etc.? OSH can be tricky but first thing is to get an ROI signed by the client.
 - If an ROI is signed and a client releases "Protected Class" information, you can request records through:
<https://www.oregon.gov/oha/osh/pages/medical-records-request.aspx>

State- Wide MH Training & Ongoing Virtual Trainings Updates

- Workgroup created in October to work on MH Academy, held one academy two years ago, would like to bring that back around: Debbie Wray would like to be added to the workgroup.
- Looking for people who can help with BCPs when working with this population. Would also like to get these sections filmed to upload to DPSST's YouTube channel.
 - Brittany will connect with Rick Pokorny to see if he's willing to facilitate that.
- On the schedule for May 12th-13th, full day first day, half day second day. Looking to do more frag drills throughout training instead of a half day of scenarios.
- Flyer and dates will be sent out in March and a separate email with finalized agenda and a link to register will also be sent out. No cost, just housing/travel.
- General topics include: updated presentation on aid and assist/community restoration (hoping to get OSH presenter), Diagnosis 101 created by Lexi, No Nami presentation this time around. The main focus is on being applicable to PO's.
- Question about medication and synergistic effects, would be good to touch on.
- Might be nice to have a mix of presenters from various counties to show a diverse idea of resources and practices.
 - Look into discussion on insurance and OHP Assisters

- Ken Yee willing to help where it's needed (Multnomah County)
- ASSIT or Mental Health First Aid
- CIT, possibly provide for PO's, Coos County does annual, could offer a mini CIT
- Care Oregon puts on behavioral health conference every year that might be beneficial for PO's to attend.
- Discussion around getting people trained in mental health specific trainings, via train the trainer. Tali, Dean and Brittany would be interested in something like this. We can look into options for training. MH First Aid is a lot more behind the scenes work. QPR (Question Persuade Refer) is another option to explore.

MH BCP Training

- Looking at interest in creating a formal BCP training. Do any agencies hold BCP specific trainings for mental health?
 - Rick has some experience presenting and will be helping in presenting at the MH Academy.
 - Paula noted Pathways being effective/useful for MH clients. Lots of flexibility/adaptability. Easy to understand.
 - After you complete a training, you get a booklet with a passcode for online resources. It's available in English/Spanish and fillable. Training geared toward women, but more recently it's starting to get repackaged to be more gender neutral.
 - Any upcoming trainings? Currently only 3 county trainers, possibly look into a holding a training in the near future. Could get the word out and figure out a location. Put a plug in at May MH academy.
 - Possibly look into coordinating with FVSN / SOSN to develop BCP trainings specific to these populations.

Best Interest Returns Vs. Exhibit R

- Best interest return: determining/arguing that the release to the community is not in the best interest in client or society. OAR 255-075-0004
 - Doesn't have to be tied to a violation
 - Danger to self or others if left in the community. Dangerous, psychological disturbance. All efforts to control behavior have failed. Only up to 90 days. Feedback is to be detailed and clearly articulate mental health concerns. Covered historical context. Also highlight how best interest return can aid in stabilization.

- Exhibit R: related to violations, requires a specific “score” based on various factors.
 - Can be returned to custody at DOC, sanction would exceed 12 months. Score a minimum of 44 points to even be considered. Also need a certain amount of time left on PPS (18 months or more) OAR 255-075-0073
- Parole Board website has policy on best interest returns and you can find the Exhibit R instructions and scoring sheet on their website.

Parole Board’s Recommendations for report writing guidelines: Email was sent out outlining recommendations for officers and hearings officers.

- What they’d like to see in sanction notes and hearings officer reports. What they want from supervising officer, identifies specific questions that they’d like answers to be included. Also gives specific questions for hearings officers to respond to and consider.
- Geared more toward notice of rights and their ability to understand what’s happening.
- Including Personal Identifying Information (PII) in Chronos: This recommendation document also talks about including PII in chronos. The language is confusing, but the overall gist is that if this information is included in a chrono, there has to be clear notation of why including this information is necessary.

Round Table

- Discussed upcoming academy training and adding in section on tips and tricks for working with this population and seeing beyond behaviors.
- Network, reach out to counties and get a list of PO’s who have mental health caseloads.
- Develop a master list with resources across the state. Possibly bring our specific resources to the next meeting. Housing, social security, payee resources, applying for SSDI. Does Alicia Morton have SS point of contact? Look for points of contact for crisis and legal support.

NEXT AGENDA:

- Josephine County uses a mental health Case Manager who provides all the heavy lifting – apply for SS, transport, etc. Will present next meeting on this resource.
- Debrief MH Academy
- Next time will be time to vote for Chair for MH network and Gender Responsive.
- Try and coordinate someone from the state hospital to present – Lexi might know someone.

- Invite DOC to the MHSN, Paula will connect with Brittany to get that invitation out.

Follow-up:

- Brittany and Rick Pokorny will connect and develop a plan for presenting about BCP's at the MH Academy.
- Send out flier for academy with link to register – Done!
- Send out email with final agenda – Lexi Meyer
- Look into MH specific trainings where there's an option for train the trainers. Tali, Dean and Brittany would all be interested in this.
- Bring all your resources to the next meeting - ALL